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In re application of: Antonio LOPEZ-CABRERA

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Examiner: Susan Tran

For: **SOLID ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION OF MODIFIED RELEASE
THAT CONTAINS AN ACID LABILE BENZIMIDAZOLE COMPOUND**

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(37 C.F.R. Section 1.312)**

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- ☐ abstract.
- ☐ specification.
- ☐ drawings.
- ☒ claims.

NOTE: "No amendment may be made as a matter of right in an application after the mailing of the notice of allowance."
37 C.F.R. Section 1.312(a).

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2. Type of amendment:

☐ Correction of formal matters

As shown in the remarks of the attached paper, these (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

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As shown in the remarks in the attached supplemental page(s), there is stated the reason (1) why the amendment is needed, (2) why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination, (3) why the claims are patentable, and (4) why they were not earlier presented.

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Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in
view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 25 wherein said one or
more intermediate layers (c) comprise one or more layers of an inert, non-alkaline
coating and one or more layers of a system of modified release.

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